



### EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

#### ASH TREE-KILLING BEETLE STILL A THREAT

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the small, iridescent green beetle that attacks and kills ash trees, still poses a threat to Bloomington’s many ash trees. Although no cases have yet been reported in Bloomington, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has found cases of EAB in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Shoreview.

As part of its ongoing effort to slow the spread of EAB, the MDA has introduced tiny, stingless wasps as biological control at several locations in the affected cities. Biological control is a pest control strategy pairing an invasive pest with natural enemies that restrict the pest in its native range.

The City is also taking proactive measures to control the spread of EAB. According to Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Paul Edwardson, in 2011 the City completed an ash tree inventory and removed ash trees that were rated “poor.” Removing unhealthy trees reduces the number of possible hosts for EAB. Healthy trees are better equipped to fend off pests and disease.

“There is no known way to stop EAB disease. However, the outbreaks we have seen in the metropolitan area have not been extremely large,” Edwardson said. “We hope that the aggressive approach the MDA has taken once EAB is detected will help control the spread.”

The City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the planting of additional ash trees in the city. In the meantime, Edwardson recommends residents take extra care of the trees they are trying to retain by giving them more water.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: EAB.



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### MINNESOTA COMMUNITY TREE SURVEY

In 2010, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources crews conducted a survey of yard and street trees in 700 Minnesota communities, recording the trees’ types, sizes and conditions. According to the report, the most common tree in Bloomington is maple, followed by spruce and ash.

## JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING

### TIME TO PRACTICE YOUR SWING

#### HYLAND GREENS GOLF COURSE OPENS NEW PRACTICE FACILITY

You will now have even more opportunities to practice your swing at Hyland Greens Golf Course’s newly expanded driving range and practice facility. The City Council approved changes to the facility last summer, which included moving the range from Normandale Boulevard to the center of the Hyland Greens property.

The move allowed for the driving range to grow from 12 to 36 all-grass hitting stations. Weather permitting, the new practice facility will be open by the end of May. The original practice range will remain open until then. For more information, contact Assistant Manager Ali Hassan at 952-563-8702.

### TAKE A TOUR OF DWAN GOLF CLUB – FROM HOME

Have you ever wished that you could study Dwan’s fairways before you hit the course? Would you like to get expert tips from a PGA pro on how to play each hole? Now you can do both and more from the comfort of your home by visiting Dwan on the City’s website.

Explore all 5,485 yards of Dwan’s tree-lined fairways, get insider tips on how to play each hole and enjoy panoramic views of every angle of the course – online. You’ll also be able to view a calendar of special events and daily lunch specials, and learn about tee times and fees. Visit the City’s website to begin your tour. For more information, contact General Manager Rick Sitek at 952-563-8702.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: DWAN.



### FRESH AND LOCAL

#### THE FARMERS MARKET DELIVERS

The fifth annual Farmers Market opens **Saturday, June 9**, with fresh, locally grown foods, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and kids’ activities. The Farmers Market takes place at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., through October 13.

For more information, call Farmers Market Coordinator Keri Lahl at 952-563-8877.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FARMERS MARKET.

## GROWING SOME GREEN

### ANNUAL TREE SALE ADDS HUNDREDS OF TREES TO LANDSCAPE

Each year, the City plants trees in parks and other public areas to ensure that Bloomington’s urban forest continues to be one of the community’s treasures. The City has planted more than 1,000 trees over the last few years. To increase the number of trees on private properties, Park Maintenance holds an annual public tree sale. Based on last year’s sales, 300 trees will be available for purchase this spring.

#### TREE ORDER FORM

Bloomington residents only. All trees are bare-root, one-and-a-quarter to one-and-a-half inches in diameter and cost \$50 each. *Trees are not guaranteed.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in number of each tree type desired. Maximum 5 trees total per household, \$50 each. Check must accompany order.

_____ Autumn Blaze red maple	_____ Green Mountain sugar maple
_____ Hackberry	_____ Imperial honey locust
_____ Northwood red maple	_____ Prairie Fire crab apple
_____ River birch	_____ Snowdrift crab apple

Total trees  X \$50 ea. = \$  Total cost

Pick up trees at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road on **Saturday, May 5, 9 - 11 a.m.**  
Send check and form to City of Bloomington, Park Maintenance,  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN 55431-3027.

### BLOOMINGTON SKATE PARK TO BE RENOVATED

#### CITY RECEIVES \$25,000 DONATION TO MAKE UPDATES



The City of Bloomington received a \$25,000 donation from Bobby and Steve’s Auto World Youth Foundation to help rebuild the skate park on 90th Street and Portland Avenue next to the parking lot at Red Haddock Field. The check was presented at a City Council meeting on February 6.

Friends of the Bloomington Skate Park held a fundraiser for the renovations last summer that raised more than \$2,700, plus an additional \$400 in t-shirt sales. Bobby and Steve’s Auto World Youth Foundation offered to match above and beyond the amount raised.

The organization’s \$25,000 donation includes \$1,000 from Quality Bike Products of Bloomington and \$1,000 from the Trygstad Family.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late spring. Once construction is complete, all donors will be recognized on signage at the park.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SKATE PARK, DONATION.



The City’s annual tree sale will provide a variety of tree species again this year, including: Autumn Blaze red maple, Green Mountain sugar maple, Hackberry, Imperial honey locust, Northwood red maple, Prairie Fire crab apple, River birch, and Snowdrift crab apple.

Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Trees are not guaranteed. Visit the City’s website for more information and a printable order form.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: TREE SALE.